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prohibition of my drinking wine and liquor temperately. By the way, Mr. Bryan frequently quotes Scripture, and is a professed follower of Him of Nazareth: how does he reconcile his interperate contentions on the liquor question with the precept and example of the Master?

"America for Americans."

One high purpose, at once ideal and inspiration, animates President Wilson's first address to the Sixty-fourth Congress. "All America for Americans and all Americans for America!" perhaps expresses it. He declares for partnership with the enlightened and progressive nations of the South in upholding the Monroe Doctrine; for larger preparedness on our own part to make effective our championship of this and the other essentials of free institutions on this hemisphere; for more unsparring scorn and ostracism for those who have sought, or may hereafter seek, to pour "the poison of disloyalty into the arteries of our national life."

On this platform every patriotic citizen can stand. It is no narrow or hidebound Americanism, mark you, for which the President pleads. It has no limit of race or creed. It erects no gate that men born under foreign flags, but with the spirit of America in their hearts, may not pass. Its anathemas are reserved for those who "turn in malign reaction against the government and people who had welcomed and nurtured them and seek to make this proud country once more a hotbed of European passion" and for those native to the soil who yet "have so forgotten themselves and their honor as citizens as to put their passionate sympathy with one or the other side in the great European conflict above their regard for the peace and dignity of the United States."

True Americanism, as the President has pointed out on an earlier occasion, is a matter rather of the spirit than of the nativity. It appeals to all those who see in this country's history and tradition an unyielding protest against every form of tyranny and the greatest experiment in free government the world has known. That spirit has found some of its finest expression in the speech of foreign-born citizens and some of its most notable exemplifications in their lives. To all who believe in her principles and would share her aspirations, America holds out her arms, but the time has come when her hospitable shores no longer may be utilized to shelter conspiracies against her happiness and her peace.

To this policy, to which restraint lends an added emphasis, everything else in the President's address is subsidiary. There must be fuller and franker understanding with the nations of South America, to the end that they may take up their share of the burden of preserving their independence. The young men of this country must give part of their youth to the country's service, and the employers of these young men must facilitate and lessen the sacrifice. All of us must bear, in increased burdens of taxation, our share of the cost of preparedness against attack. Our merchant marine must be re-established, that our peaceful commerce may rest no longer at the mercy of foreign jealousies or foreign passions. Our industrial establishments, our great railroads and factories, our wealth of mine and farm, must be surveyed, so that in the hour of na-

tional peril they also may be mobilized in the national defense.—Richmond, (Va.) Times-Dispatch.

An Easy Matter—but Delicate.

(From The St. Louis Times.)

Granting, for the sake of discussion, that the reply of the Austrian Government to the American note in the Ancona case is correctly reported, and assuming that the Austrian Government is sincere in its statement of beliefs, the problem before the Administration and the diplomats at Washington is an easy one—but very, very delicate. It will require masterful handling and a careful analysis of the American interpretation of international laws.

The Austrian Government, say the dispatches, has made a careful inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the attacks on the Ancona. It finds that the Austrian commander acted "under orders" throughout the incident. In its own interpretation of the laws it sees no technical violation or cause for a disavowal. That is the Austrian viewpoint. Americans look upon the matter in a very different light.

In its reply, however, Austria is reported to have said that she stands "ready in principle to enter into an exchange of opinion with the American Government and leaves it to the Washington Cabinet to draw up the individual legal maxims which the commander of the submarines that sunk the Ancona is alleged to have violated."

If this be true, there is no cause for alarm. This was Germany's original attitude, and the diplomats and international law experts set themselves to the task of outlining these legal maxims in a very clear and definite manner. The result was that America showed Germany where she was wrong, and Germany was ready and quick to admit it, without even a mental reservation.

This is the job that confronts Washington in the Ancona case. There is all the reason in the world why the American Government should be firm. But there is no reason why the Administration should not set forth in detail the exact legal maxims and principles which have been violated. The way is clear and the method easy, and we have no doubt that Austria will see and admit the justice of our Government's stand when the law is set forth and interpreted.

Austria's reported answer is somewhat in the nature of a presumption, but we see no cause for a hurried declaration of a severance of diplomatic relations. If Austria wants to be taught something in the way of legal interpretations, let's go into the matter thoroughly. Austria admits that she is willing to learn. That's a concession.

Reformation.

A writer in the National Municipal Review calls attention to the "danger in a multitude of organization," and gives an astonishing list of leagues, societies, associations, organizations, and federations. This multiplication of organizations is a direct result of the initiative and referendum and other popular government ideas. We have distrusted the state and taken things into our own hands, with the result that organization in the effort to have our ideas adopted into laws has become a baneful influence. The chief evil of such organizations, however, is to be found in the multiplicity of statutes which express the zeal of petty-groups and small minorities, and not the considered judgment of the mass of the community. Such laws are largely unenforced or unenforceable, and they themselves create an evil far outweighing the good they were intended to accomplish, even if that good were in reality attained. It is a pity that so much civic feeling is dissipated by its diversion into so many petty channels. Laws should express the main stream of community thought and feeling and no more.

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(De Soto Republican.)
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The Day of the Dead.

(From The St. Louis Post-Dispatch.)
The German newspapers devote columns to the "Day of the Dead," the twenty-first day of November, officially designated by the Government in commemoration of the nation's dead.

Among others, the Berliner Morgenblatt refers with special emphasis to the importance of the occasion this year, when millions of the nation's flower have been forced to join the great army of lasting silence.

We are surrounded by floods of life-blood on all our borders, and the vastness of the sacrifice must make us think. A little less autocracy, a little more of counsel, would have kept that life and that energy in our circulation. What a responsibility to send out to the four winds fathers, brothers, husbands, sweethearts, never to come back! We may, indeed, put flowers on their graves—and this war has certainly decorated the graves of friend and foe alike, but the flowers will fade away, and only the memory of the memory of the dead will come back to us. We have before us today an ocean of tears meeting an ocean of blood; but the ocean of tears will flow on for a generation, the ocean of blood will be spent at our borders.

"It is sickening even to the patriot soul," says the writer, "to see the door of every home open wide at the call of fatherhood, and manhood streaming out to swell the legions. And as we see them march by with proud and martial step, we know that few will come back. We are to-day a nation of widows, children, decrepit age and invalids."

After referring to the Biblical text of approaching Christmas, "Peace to men of good will," the writer concludes that a little more good will might have prevented the enormous slaughter, and he concludes: "Great God, how much longer must this blood-feast last?"

Slightly Sued.

(Doniphan Prospect-News.)
This paper and its editor have been sued by one Bradley B. Huff of St. Louis for the sum of \$20,000.00 for damages done Huff by publishing a comment upon some trouble Huff got into at Hannibal recently in which it was stated that Huff was drunk.

In the language of the old darkey who was asked by a white man to change a twenty dollar bill for him, "We're much obliged for the compliment."

Here is the article that Huff got huffy about: "The one thing that all the witnesses at Hannibal seem to agree upon in connection with the story of the beating up of 'Shorty' Huff, the Globe Democrat's staff correspondent, is that the fellow was drunk. The Globe Democrat ought to be ashamed to send a drunken galoot around over the state as its staff political representative to write up gatherings of decent citizens. But the Globe-Democrat very likely will not feel ashamed for its idea of what ought to be said about anything Democratic is in line with Huff's maudlin sentiment."

The information upon which was predicated the statement above as to drunkenness was gotten from a St. Louis newspaper and appeared to be authentic.

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STATE OF MISSOURI,) ss.
COUNTY OF IRON,) ss.

In the Circuit Court, April Term, 1916.

D. Edgar Fletcher, Plaintiff,

vs.

C. W. H. Eaton, M. S. Eaton, B. Z. Eaton, A. F. Eaton, J. S. Eaton, Myra F. Adams, Flora May Eaton, L. N. Eaton, Ella Eaton, Sadie Riley, heirs of A. H. Eaton, deceased, and Arthur C. Carson, defendants.

The State of Missouri to the above named Defendants, Greeting:

You are hereby notified that an action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court of the County of Iron, in the State of Missouri, for the purpose of obtaining a decree in partition and order of sale of the following described lots, tracts, or parcels of land, lying, being and situated in the County of Iron, and State of Missouri, to wit:

The northeast quarter of the southeast quarter, and the west one-half of the southwest quarter of section fifteen, (15), and the west one-half of section twenty-two (22)—all in township thirty-four, (34), north, of range one, (1) east; and the east one-half of section thirty-four, (34), township thirty-five, (35), north, of range one, (1) west, containing, in all, 760 acres, more or less;

And which said action is returnable on the first day of the next term of said Court, to be held at the Court House in the City of Ironton, in the County of Iron, and State of Missouri, when and where you may appear and defend such action; otherwise Plaintiff's petition will be taken as confessed and judgment rendered accordingly.

And it is further ordered that a copy hereof be published, according to law, in the Iron County Register, a newspaper published in said County of Iron for four weeks, successively, published at least once a week, the last insertion to be at least thirty days before the first day of said next April Term of this Court.

J. M. HAWKINS, Circuit Clerk.

A true copy from the record.

Witness my hand and seal of the Circuit Court of Iron County, this 16th day of December, 1915.

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